

# West Virginia Influenza Summary, Week Ending July 27, 2013 (MMWR Week 30)

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Dear Influenza Partners,

West Virginia has reported influenza activity as **"Sporadic Activity"** for MMWR week **30** (week ending Saturday July 27, 2013).

During the summer months the weekly partner e-mail will only be sent out monthly unless there is something to report out to stakeholders.

Currently national influenza activity is low and the 2012-13 influenza season is considered over.

An outbreak of seasonal influenza AH3 was reported during the 2013 National Scout Jamboree in Fayette County West Virginia held July 15-25, 2013. Although influenza is typically predominant in the fall and winter months sporadic cases of influenza and localized summer outbreaks from seasonal influenza viruses are detected across the US each year. A mass gathering such as the National Scout Jamboree increases the risk of disease transmission.

## ***Influenza A (H3N2v)***

New human infections with influenza A (H3N2v) were reported to CDC bringing a total of 14 H3N2v cases reported this summer. No hospitalizations or deaths have occurred. At this time no ongoing human-to-human transmission has been identified and all 14 cases have reported close contact with swine in the week prior to illness onset. Public health and agriculture officials are investigating the extent of disease among humans and swine, and additional cases may be identified as the investigation continues. Fair season is currently ongoing in West Virginia; the Bureau for Public Health encourages anyone at high risk of serious flu complications planning to attend a fair where pigs will be present should avoid pigs and swine barns at the fair. For more guidance to protect you against H3N2v visit <http://www.dhhr.wv.gov/oeps/disease/flu/Pages/H3N2Variant.aspx>.

Weekly influenza surveillance graphs for West Virginia and the most recent information available on influenza can be found at <http://www.dhhr.wv.gov/oeps/disease/flu/Pages/default.aspx>. Because of late reporting, we must sometimes update information in retrospect. The website will always have the most up-to-date numbers. Please feel free to contact us at (304)-558-5358, extension 1, with any questions regarding this report.